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SUBJ: MNS NEWS RELEASE RE ENEWETAK

SUGGEST FOLLOWING TO MNS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: ABOUT FIFTY ENEWETAKESE WHO HAVE LIVED ON UJELANG FOR THE PAST 27 YEARS WILL BE SEEING THEIR HOME ATOLL FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THEY WERE MOVED IN 1947 TO PROVIDE A NUCLEAR TEST SITE FOR THE UNITED STATES. THEY WILL BE RETURNING BY A SHIP PROVIDED BY MARSHALL'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM TO MEET IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WITH A U.S. DELEGATION HEADED BY LT. GENERAL WARREN D. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY (DNA). DNA HAS BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROPOSED CLEANUP OF THE ATOLL PRIOR TO REHABILITATION WORK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR WHICH WOULD LEAD TO SOME 400 PEOPLE BEING RETURNED FROM THEIR TEMPORARY HOME ON UJELANG TO ENEWETAK. THE PROPOSED CLEANUP AND REHABILITATION IS CONTINGENT UPON EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND FUNDING FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO PRESENT A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL  
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IMPACT STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK AND THEIR LEGAL

COUNSEL FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT. THE IMPACT STATEMENT, WHEN FINALIZED, WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE ENEWETAK MASTER PLAN WHICH IS BEING PREPARED WITH FULL INPUT AND APPROVAL OF THE ENEWETAK COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING COMMITTEE. WASHINGTON OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR HOPES THAT BASED ON THE FINAL EIS AND PLANS TO DATE THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES WILL BRIEF THE GROUP ON THEIR RECENTLY COMPLETED RADIOLOGICAL REPORT AND ANALYSES, WITH INTERIOR AND TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS ADDRESSING THE MASTER PLAN FOR REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT. THE ENEWETAK DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE THE TWO IROIJES (CHIEFS), COUNCIL, AND PLANNING COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE HEAD OF EACH HOUSEHOLD. MARSHALLESE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MEMBERS, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NITAJELA ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND AS IS THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AND SEVERAL KEY DISTRICT AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF MEMBERS. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR DISCUSSIONS. CARPENTER SENDS. INGERSOLL

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